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This is to state that I oppose any action taken by the Justice Department against Microsoft as a so-called monopoly. Only government force can create a monopoly by legally restricting entry into a field through regulations, e.g., the US Postal Service and the Medallion cabs of New York City (the latter restriction of competitors being the reason for the \$45 cab fare to go 8 miles from LaGuardia Airport to Coney Island!).

It is NOT a monopoly if a company outperforms its competitors in a climate of free competition. When is the government going to stop meddling in our economic affairs? If business don't produce (farming), we give them subsidies for not making anything. If businesses overproduce (Microsoft), we shoot them down. It's time to end this arbitrary meddling which limits our freedom of choice and a company's freedom to operate. I say laissez faire--LEAVE IT ALONE!

Yours truly,  
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